

EXHIBIT C

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of:) Mail Stop Missing Parts
Leland SHAPIRO :
Application No.: 10/669,251 :
Filed: September 25, 2003 : Attorney Docket No. 330310-00102

For: INHIBITORS OF SERINE PROTEASE ACTIVITY METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR TREATMENT OF
NITRIC OXIDE-INDUCED CLINICAL CONDITIONS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA. 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants in the aforementioned matter petition to extend the time for response to the
Office Action dated December 22, 2003, for one month from February 22, 2004 to March 22,
2004.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C., office by
telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below.

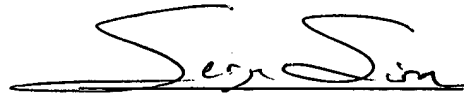
AUTHORIZATION

Please find enclosed a check in the amount of \$55.00 for payment of the extension fee.
Applicants believe there is no additional fee due in connection with this filing. However, to the
extent required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due in connection



with this filing to Deposit Account 50-1710 or credit any overpayment to same.

Respectfully submitted,

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